

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

Sporting events have taken some weird turns lately. Oh, most folks have heard about the Winter Olympic pairs figure skating mess, but there are others. Olympic speed skating (for men) was won for the first time ever by an Australian... all those ahead of him crashed together and fell. Second place was won by an American who stuck his foot out and over the finish line, while still lying in the pile up of skaters. That brings us to the Daytona 500 car race Sunday afternoon. Again the winner was the winner because of a massive wreck just before the finish line... he wasn't close enough to be in the wreck and just breezed across the finish line first. Of course that was AFTER the rules had been changed two days earlier, slowing down the cars to prevent wrecks!!

The election cycle is coming around again and fast. Challengers for the governor chair are making the rounds of forums. This week there were four of them at an event in Auburn, all with the answers to the world's problems! One candidate, U.S. Representative Bob Riley, reminds listeners that he has never, ever voted for a tax increase. Now that is conservative talk, but it is not something we would be proud of on our record. There are times when progress takes money. Of course an office holder can sit back and let others blaze the trail and take the flack from its taxpayers... that way he claims to be part of progress but still opposed to any new taxes. Not my kind of leader. Of course there is one candidate talking about all the contract letting graft in the present administration and how he would save that money and there would be no education proration. The one small detail he forgets to explain is that the contracts he is questioning have nothing to do with the education trust fund, even if the other parts of his statement had any truth at all in it. Alas, that is politics and each and every one of us must do our own research if we want to know the real truth in these matters.

We were amused (and puzzled) at a fax we received on February 13th from the Alabama Cattlemen's Association. It said that the four (4) leading candidates for governor would be blah, blah, blah. The news released named Bob Riley, Steve Windham, Tim James, and Charles Bishop. No mention was made of Governor Don Siegelman, who was an active (and leading) candidate the last we heard. Was that a careless typo or a planned political statement by an organization known to take pride in their ability to strut pretty high in political king making circles. A couple of the above named candidates are polling in the single digits right now... is that a "leading candidate"? The last paragraph says the organization is "working to... inform the consumer." Their favorite candidate is their business, but the organization should be informing us about the benefits of eating beef, not trying to shape the upcoming governor's race especially with distortions, mis-statements, etc.

Someone has taken a poll on which U.S. president "was the best." This year, as last year, it is Abe Lincoln. The top ten includes John Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, Franklin Roosevelt and Bill Clinton. The new list places George W. Bush in third place, and he didn't even make the list last year. Looking at the times the various men on the list served as President, it seems that votes are based largely on the ones we know and remember best (of course with the exception of Honest Abe). Our feelings are a bit hurt that Harry Truman is not mentioned in the top ten. We remember him and his honest, straightforward talking. Our list digs further back into history, with of course George Washington having to be mentioned. His learned opinions put us on the right track to making this a great country. Add in John Adams, add in... gosh how can anyone stop at a "top ten" in this category?

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of February 11, 2002, through February 17, 2002. They were: Maureen Nelson, April McAllister, Kevin Brozski, Robert Ammons, Nellie Harrelson, Durwood Grimes, John Williams, Christine Bradley, Annie Esposito, Mary Askew, Murray Barnes, James Harris, James Goodson, Karin Snellgrove, Annie Ellis, Vivian Sapp, Wendy Hanson, Wanda Messick, Wade McWaters, Alberta Martin, Ollie Hussey, Taylor Johnson, Barbara Truitt, Betty Goodwin, Evelyn Knotts, Emmitt Watson, Tracey Hulgan, Sonja Martinez, Angela Bullard, Joe Prescott, Lashandra Caldwell, Margaret Watkins, Carol Harbuck and Ozella Head. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Mary Jackson, Douglas Shiver, Velma Griffith, Margaret Watkins, Shirley Thompson, April Skipper, Malcolm Taylor, Wayne Flowers, Robert Holliman, Allie Nelson, Keri Hobbs, Kevin Brozski, Annie Esposito, April McAllister, Karin Snellgrove, Annie Ball, Nellie Harrelson, Gertrude Ennis, Anette Brunson, Murray Barnes, James Harris Jr., Betty Goodwin, Barbara Truitt, Christine Bradley, Nancy Paul, Durwood Grimes, Wendy Hanson, Ollie Hussey, Annie Ellis, Taylor Johnson, James Goodson, Vivian Sapp, Tracey Hulgan and Emmitt Watson.

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American athlete fulfills his Olympic dream thanks to an organ donor

by Linda Hodge, Editor

With the XIX Winter Olympic Games underway in Salt Lake City, Utah, the television has been filled with the stories of athletes from all over the world as they compete for Olympic gold; however, the story of an athlete who won only bronze has made the biggest impression on me.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department beginning Monday, February 11, 2002, investigated the following incidents: three for theft of property, one giving false information to law enforcement, one arson, one disorderly conduct, one menacing, one assault and one drug overdose.

The following arrests were made: one for theft of property, one for arson, one for failure to appear, one for giving false information to law enforcement. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: eleven for speeding, one for driving without a driver's license, one for driving with no driver's license, three for no insurance, one for violation of the child restraint law, one for violation of the seat belt law, one for following too close, two for driving with a suspended driver's license and one for a switched tag.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - River stage - 6:15 feet (6:57 a.m.). Minor wreck (vehicle vs. deer) reported on Hwy. 189 (7:42 p.m.). Routine activity.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1727 City Rd. 166 (5:27 a.m.). River stage - 6:91 feet (7:21 a.m.). Elba Fire Department dispatched to a trailer fire at Brunson Trailer Court, Lot 1 (11:03 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to the trailer fire at Brunson Trailer Court (11:03 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 - River stage - 8:28 feet (6:16 a.m.). Fight in progress reported at Creative Daycare on Newton St. (4:04 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 512 Smith Ave. (10:26 p.m.).

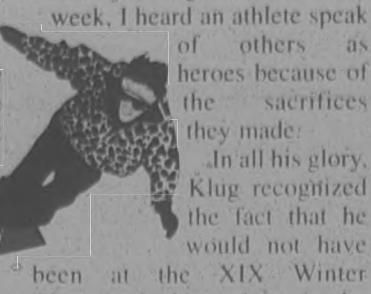
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - River stage - 7:69 feet (6:32 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2164 City Rd. 239.

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• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 5 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall
• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall
• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex at New Brockton
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Sept. Office
• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• MASKING LODGE #79 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.
• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS - 2nd Sat. 7 a.m. - Club House
• COFFEE WOMEN - 2nd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
• AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday of month, City Hall Conference Room
• AARP - 1st & 3rd Tuesday night of the month
• CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Discoll hangar
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

ALERT

The administration of the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home has placed into effect a visitor restriction. There will be no routine visiting of residents until further notice. No children please! Due to the widespread cases of flu, pneumonia, and respiratory infections in the community, visitation is being restricted. All visitors must report to the nurse's station for further instruction. Cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.



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Horse Show and Rodeo will benefit TSU's new rodeo team

A Benefit Horse show and Auction will be held this weekend (Feb. 23-24) at the TSU Cutting Horse Show, Benefit Auction & Gala at the new indoor arena at the Cowington Center in Andalusia.

One-of-a-kind artwork, a fur coat, diamond jewelry, a team of Belgian draft horses, fur coats and jackets, several new cars and trucks, a purchased pulled Hereford bull, vacation getaways, guided hunting and fishing trips and a Wild West

Adventure Package for two and more will be auctioned this weekend (Feb. 23-24) at the TSU Cutting Horse Show, Benefit Auction & Gala at the new indoor arena at the Cowington Center in Andalusia.

Saturday's event (Feb. 23) will begin at 9 a.m. with the cutting horse show. The live auction and gala, which includes entertainment by two live bands, will begin at 6 p.m. The cutting horse show will be held again Sunday (Feb. 24) and starts at 9 a.m. Admission is free both days.

"We have lots of very nice Western items for the auction such as saddles and horses, but there are some really nice items that anyone would love to have," Mrs. Krissy Pinckard, an organizer said. "All money raised at the auction and cutting horse competition will be paid to the TSU Foundation and is earmarked specifically for the TSU Rodeo Program. The event is dedicated to the memory of TSU Freshman Patrick Smith who recently passed away. For more information about the cutting horse competition, gala auction or the preview this Sunday, contact Dr. Laliberte at 670-3608, Benny and Krissy Pinckard at 566-4560 or 566-7784. Don Hines at 807-0874 or Debra Davis at 566-4723.

A special thanks to the staff of Elba Nursing Home for the care given our Mother the last three years, and especially to Dr. Dyess, not only for his medical expertise, but for his very gall care and concern. And to the Nurses and other medical personnel at Elba General Hospital, thank you for ministering not only to Mother, but to us as a family, during those last days. To Rev. Kenneth Harmon, to family and friends who sent floral offerings, cards, prepared food and offered prayers, we are truly grateful and appreciative. May God bless you all. Sincerely,

The family of Eleanor V. Adkinson, Peggy & Ed Gullion, Waylon & Bettye Adkinson & families
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MAERENE BRYAN NELSON

Mrs. Maerene Bryan Nelson, age 78, of Elba, Ala., died Feb. 13, 2002 at Elba General Hospital in Elba.

Funeral services were held Feb. 15, 2002 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Roy Davis officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband Coadie Nelson, Elba, one daughter: Gloria J. Wright, Elba, one son: Bruce Nelson, Elba, two sisters: Pearl Skipper, Glenwood, Ala., Mildred Kemp, Elba, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

THEORA JONES
Mrs. Theora Jones, age 82, died recently.

Funeral services were held Feb. 14, 2002 at Shady Grove Avenue Baptist Church with Rev. R.C. Dawsey officiating. The burial followed at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in New Brockton with Hammond Funeral Home of Dothan directing.

Survivors include two sons: Frank A. (Lella) Jones, Columbus, Ga., LaCorey (Felicia) Jones, Sebring, Fla., six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

LORETTA BRYANT
Mrs. Loretta Bryant, age 37, of New Brockton, Ala., died Feb. 16, 2002 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Feb. 19, 2002 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Brother Larry Mills officiating. Burial followed in Calvary Baptist Church Cemetery of Enterprise with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one daughter: Amanda Bryant, Jack, Ala., one grandson: Tyler Belvin, Jack, two sisters: Sheila DeVoe, New Brockton, Nancy McKenzie, Brundige, two brothers: Charlie Hayes Mitchell, Elba, Christopher Marvin Mitchell, Troy, grandmother: Ruth Mitchell, New Brockton, special friends: Janice Johnson and Jane Bass.

CALLIE LOIS CARR
Mrs. Callie Lois Carr, age 94, of Elba, Ala., died Feb. 17, 2002 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Feb. 19, 2002 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Jimmy Maddox officiating. Burial followed in the Zion Chapel Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three daughters: Lydia (Harold) Berry, Nellie Wayne (Dallas) Dean, all of Elba, and Peggy (Coley) Lowery, Troy; one son: Ralph (Sandra) Carr, Lexington, Ky.; one brother:

Ross Ammons, Castro Valley, Calif.; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM ROBERT AMMONS
Mr. William Robert Ammons, age 78, of 1109 Deal Street, Elba, Ala., died Feb. 17, 2002 at Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held Feb. 20, 2002 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in the Victoria Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two sisters: Betty Boutwell, Elba, Velma Lee, Jack, two brothers: James Ammons, Jack, William Ammons, Union Springs, Ala., EVA MAE GUNN
Mrs. Eva Mae Gunn, age 80, died Feb. 9, 2002.

Funeral services were held Feb. 14, 2002 at Alabama Avenue Baptist Church with Rev. R.C. Dawsey officiating. The burial followed at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in New Brockton with Hammond Funeral Home of Dothan directing.

Mrs. Gunn was preceded in death by her husband, Nathaniel Gunn, her parents, Square and Jessie Burks, and three brothers.

Survivors include two sisters: Mattie C. Dawsey, New Brockton, Ala., Brooks, Philadelphia, Pa.; three brothers: I.K. (Patricia) Burks, Panama City, Fla., Curtis (Betty) Burks, New Brockton, Willie Burks, Troy; one sister-in-law: Mayaline Burks, Enterprise.

MERDIE LEE DANIELS
Mrs. Merdie Lee Daniels, age 74, died Feb. 7, 2002.

Funeral services were held Feb. 13, 2002 at Harris Temple Church of God in Christ with Supt. William Keith Ellison officiating. The burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery with Hammond Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Daniels was preceded in death by her son, Willie Frank "Pete" Daniels.

Survivors include her husband, John "Jack" Daniels; one daughter: Odessa (Bill Sr.) Robinson; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her mother-in-law: Rosie Daniels.

MRS. VERA CLYDE MADDOX
Mrs. Vera Clyde Maddox, age 92, of Eufaula, Ala. and formerly of New Brockton, Ala., died February 18, 2002. Funeral services will be held today, February 21, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. from the Patterson-Sorells Funeral Home Chapel.

Survivors include three daughters, Margaret (Robert) Craft, Carolyn (George) Welch, both of Houston, Atlanta, Ga.; two sisters, Stacy Plant, Mobile, Ala.; Annett Davidson, Warner Robins, Ga.; 13 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, 14 great great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Vanderbilt Holiness Church to host gospel singing February 23

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will have a gospel singing this Saturday, February 23rd, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The featured group will be "The Smith Family" from the Perdue Community. The public is invited to attend. Vanderbilt Holiness Church is located on Coffee County Road 114, one mile past Wayne Farms/Southland.

Gospel singing planned at Country Cathedral for February 24

Gospel in Song presents on highway 84 East in Opp. Singing will begin at 2:00 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information contact Rev. Country Cathedral Church, Charles Dyess at (334) 493-0991. The church is located 7413.

Annual C.C. Cancer Society Relay For Life Kickoff party is Thursday, February 21

The 10th Annual American Cancer Society Coffee County Relay For Life Kickoff party is Thursday, February 21, 6:30 p.m. at the Enterprise Civic Center. If you would like to attend this meeting, please call 897-2022 for times of services.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...?

A Service of the Elba Church of Christ

Will the majority enter heaven? M.S. Elba There is no greater expert with any greater authority dealing with the subject of "who will go to heaven" than our Lord Jesus Christ. We have what is revealed to us in the word of God the answer, which Jesus gives to the question under consideration this week. He said: "Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). Many groups mock and scorn at anything the Lord teaches, but still the majority, especially in this part of the country, when asked the question "are you going to heaven?" will answer with a resounding yes. However, Jesus says the majority will not go to heaven.

It is not because Jesus does not want the majority to go to heaven that they will not be able to go, for God wants all men to be saved (1 Timothy 2:3-4). Why will not the majority go to heaven, even though the majority claims to be going to heaven? Jesus said: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? and yet will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:21-23). Even though the majority claims to be saved, they do not do the will of the Father in heaven. Therefore, the way of the majority is not the way of the Lord (John 14:6).

There are so many religious organizations, which claim to be following Jesus, for a person to choose from to join. But as indicated by our Lord not all of these groups will go to heaven. There is only one group that a person can be a member of and be able to go to heaven. We cannot join this organization, but we must be added to it, for the Lord adds to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2:47). The majority have the opportunity, but they choose not to be saved.

Jimmy Simmons If you would like to submit a question for consideration to be used in this column, please send it to: "Questions and Answers," c/o Elba Church of Christ, P.O. Box 269, Elba, AL 36323. We invite everyone to attend the services of the Elba Church of Christ. Please call 897-2022 for times of services.

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF MEN

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Scripture: Malachi 4:1-6

***Thinking of you, praying for you. Ann Moultry, Ida Hooks, Catherine Williams, Annie L. Williams, Lovie Hooks, Mary A. Hooks, The Harris Family, Rev. Charles Lane, Rev. N.L. Robinson, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr. Beulah Horstead, Lela Tyson and Henry Waters.

***Brotherhood Revival and Men's Conference will be held February 20-23, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. nightly at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church.

***Family and Friends Day and Black History Month was celebrated at Legrand Community Church, Legrand, Ala., Sunday, February 17, 2002. The guest speaker for the occasion was Rev. Joyce Belcher Johnson, Tusculum, Ala. assistant pastor of Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Leighton, Ala. Those attending from Elba & Enterprise, Ala. were: Mike Manning, Evelyn and Lynsey, Jason and Mason Guiley, Wiley Brooks, Juanita, Ree'Nita and Dee'Nard, Myron Duncan, Maria, Tiffany, Brandy and Brandy, Alan Belcher, Marcus Kelley, Kimberly Russell, Jana Kelley and Caleb, Wesley Kelley, Curtis Kelley, Lacy Nunn, Ernestine Kelley, Anthony Kelley, Tonya Smith and Eria Lindsey Belcher, Elder Majestic C. Mc Duffie, pastor, Elder Betty Belcher, assistant pastor and Elder Grace Franklin, associate pastor.

***Ernestine Kelley, Tonya Smith, and Anthony Kelley of Elba visited Patricia Smith last Sunday, Patricia is a patient at Baptist Medical Center.

There are so many religious organizations, which claim to be following Jesus, for a person to choose from to join. But as indicated by our Lord not all of these groups will go to heaven. There is only one group that a person can be a member of and be able to go to heaven. We cannot join this organization, but we must be added to it, for the Lord adds to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2:47). The majority have the opportunity, but they choose not to be saved.

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FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Danny Sherrer, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Jimmy Simmons, Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Ron Stallard, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROSPERITY J. E. Wesley, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Afternoon.....5:30 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:15 p.m.	ELBA 2nd BAPTIST CHURCH Lorel Martin, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:45 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:45 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:30 p.m.
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Choosing a winner

Rev. Ron Stallard
The Elba Church of God

Many times I have observed people racing to be first and the best. I was one of these people and it seemed everything was a competition. I still believe we should all try our best at everything we do. There is nothing wrong with wanting our team to win or setting high goals. I just have grown a new set of values. I now understand that some things are worthy of my attention. God comes first. My family is important to me also. I have found that if I take care of myself, I can give God my best. We can trust the scripture for help. Jesus gives us hope.

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The Black Church Week for Healing of AIDS scheduled for March 3-9

The Black Church Week for the Healing of AIDS is March 3-9, 2002. This is sponsored by the Balm in Gilead, a national organization which began in Harlem, N.Y.

On Sunday, March 3rd, all Black churches (congregations) are asked to recognize this effect of HIV/AIDS in the Black communities with special prayers.

During the week they are encouraged to provide education and information to their members.

On Saturday, March 9th, from 8:30-11:30 a.m., a special program will be held at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1100 Allen Road, Dothan. This program will be a combination religious service and educational forum, with individuals who are infected and affected with HIV/AIDS. Mrs. Christine McComb of Daleville Christian Fellowship will bring the message of hope.

MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama to meet February 24

MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama will have a meeting on Sunday, February 24, 2002 at the Tribal Learning Center, 104 East McKinnon, New Brockton at 2:00 p.m. CST. The purpose of this meeting is the discussion of lawsuit retainers, Grants Department of Labor, ANA, Updates, bring in scholarship information. Members only. Bring a chair. For more information call or write: Chief Pennie Wright or Nancy Carnley, 708 South John Street, New Brockton, Alabama 36351. Telephone or fax (334)894-6578, email: creeks@entercomp.com.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Rev. Lloyd Hodge Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Thurs. Night Service.....7:00 p.m.	MULBERRY HITS CHURCH OF CHRIST R. B. Williams, Minister Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Class.....6:00 p.m.	NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Ray Giles-Minister Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Class.....6:00 p.m.	NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Loretta Flowers, Minister Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Rev. Keith Price, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	NEWBRIA BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Wayne Walker Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Rev. Keith Price, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Alfred Inzer, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Jimmy Maddox, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.
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LIFESTYLES

Miss Edison and Mr. Jackson to be united in marriage July 20



Beth Edison and Chad Jackson

Community Crime Watch meeting planned for February 21
Woodland Grove, Mt. Zion Community Crime Watch meeting will be held today, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Woodland Grove Baptist Church. The guest speaker will be Officer Farris.

New Arrival

EMMA LEIGH ELIZABETH CURTIS



Keith and Cathy Edison of Samson and Toyal and Teresa Jackson of Opp announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Beth and Chad.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Junior and Bonnie Merritt of Samson, Fred and Sylvia Lankford of Andalusia, and the late Jimmy Edison of Brantley. Beth is a 1997 graduate of Samson High School and a 2001 graduate of Enterprise State Junior College with a degree in Early Childhood Development.

The future groom is the grandson of James T. and Edith Jackson of Opp and the late William and Vivian Parker of the Basin community. Chad is a 1995 graduate of Opp High School and is employed in Elba.

The wedding is planned for July 20, 2002 at the Baptist Church at 2:00 in the afternoon.

"Miss Jack Sweetheart Pageant planned for Saturday, February 23

Jack in a Box Daycare and Learning Center, Jacksonville, will be sponsoring the 1st annual "Miss Jack Sweetheart" Pageant on February 23, 2002, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Zion Chapel High School Auditorium. All proceeds from the pageant will benefit the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life." The pageant is open to anyone in the surrounding area. Each category will have a winner and at least 2 alternates. Queens will receive a crown, sash and flowers. Alternates will receive a sash and flowers. All contestants will receive a flower. Categories and dress codes range from infants to high school seniors.

The practice is not mandatory, but all entry forms must be turned in no later than Thursday, February 21, 2002. No Exceptions! Entry forms may be picked up or turned in at the following locations: Zion Chapel Elementary School - Pam Flowers; Jack in a Box Daycare and Learning Center, or Head 2 Toe Salon - Britley Parker. All contestants should be at the high school on the night of the pageant no later than 4:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Jack in a Box Daycare and Learning Center at 897-1535.

Family Finders need volunteers

Family Finders is an organization that looks for ordinary families who are willing to do an extraordinary thing - give a child a future. There are about 8000 children living in some type of foster care setting with about 140 children who are ready for a family to adopt them. Those who are a single adult or married couple and have a little extra room in their home and heart, may qualify to be a foster or adoptive parent.

There is an old saying that in order for a child to have wings, they must first have roots. Please call at 866-4-AL-KIDS, or visit the Family Finders web site, www.familyfinders.org

New book available at Elba Public Library

Landis, Jill, Marie-Summer Moon, Elizabeth-Eden Lowell, Brad-The Millionaires, Melitzer, Brad-The Millionaires, Michaels, Fern-Charming Lily, Patterson, James-Violets Are Blue, Rice, Patricia-All A Woman Wants, Rice, Patricia-Nobody's Angel, Riggs, Cynthia-Deadly Nightshade, Spencer, LaVyrre-A Promise to Cherish, Trollope, Joanna-Next of Kin.

OTHER ADULT NONFICTION
Andrews, V.C.-Willow, Bearon, M.C.-Agatha Raisin and the Love From Hell, Inman, Robert-Captain Saturday, Leigh, Janet-The Dream Factory, Rosenberg, Nancy Taylor, Conflict of Interest, Smith, Deborah-The Stone Flower Garden.

ADULT CHRISTIAN NONFICTION
Dobson, James-Bringing Up Boys.

ADULT LARGE PRINT FICTION
Andrews, V.C.-Cinnamon, Burke, James-Lee-Two For Texas, Dodd, Christina-Rules of Engagement, Dodd, Christina-Rules of Surrender, Gould, Judith-A Moment in Time, Harrison, Janis-Roots of Murder.

CHILDREN'S EASY
McKissack, Patricia-Goin' Somewhere, David-The Three Pigs.

CHILDREN'S NONFICTION
Amos, Janine-Death, Amos, Janine-Divorce, Amos, Janine-The Hospital, Amos, Janine-Moving, Scouter, Gillian-Holiday Handicraft.

The Alabama Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to hold annual convention February 22&23

The Alabama Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (ALSSAR) will hold its annual convention on February 22 and 23, 2002, at the Sheraton Perimeter Park South Hotel, hosted by its Birmingham Chapter. On Saturday, the 23rd,

the business meeting and orations contest will be during the morning, a trip to the American Village in the afternoon and the awards banquet and installation of officers that night. Michael Wells, ALSSAR president and Birmingham Chapter past president will preside. Guest of honor and banquet speaker will be Larry D. McClanahan, President General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR).

FREE Adult Education classes offered at ESJC

FREE adult education classes are offered in basic reading, writing, math, and to prepare for the GED Test. Enterprise State Junior College and the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network bring a session to the Frisco Voting Building, Coffee County Highway 110, on Mondays from 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Enrollment is open at any time.

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The River Rats to appear in Enterprise

The River Rats will appear at Enterprise High School Auditorium on Thursday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. This event is being sponsored by the Enterprise Parks and Recreation Department. For more info call Enterprise Parks & Recreation at 347-1211 Ext. 300.

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Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

Phillip and Janna Curtis of Elba, Ala. announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Leigh Elizabeth Curtis. Emma Leigh was born on January 4, 2002 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, AL. She weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces and was 19 inches long. Emma Leigh was welcomed home by big brothers, Chip, age 6, and Benjamin, 21 months. Grandparents are Chip and Linda Westbrook of Elba and Ron and the late Patsy Curtis of Beespring, TN. Great grandparents are Ben and Wilma Curtis of Athens, AL and Richard and Mildred Turkington of Summertown, TN.

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Tiger Tales



Editor:
Katie Grimes

Gavin Mauldin
receives award



by Brittany Daniels

Elba High School senior Gavin Paul Mauldin was recently announced as the Area 2 Bryant-Jordan award winner. This award is given on the basis of athletic accomplishments, scholastic achievements, leadership abilities and community roles. The Alabama Sports Hall of Fame and the Alabama High School Athletic Association sponsor this program, which rewards seniors based on academic and athletic achievements.

Gavin is a very active senior in his school. He starts at tackle for the Elba High Football Team. He is involved in many clubs and serves as an EHS Ambassador. Gavin volunteers for many organizations and always tries to serve his community.

"It's an honor, and I'm very proud to receive this award," said Gavin when asked about his feelings on receiving the award.

Elba High band members dance the night away

by Gavin Mauldin

On Saturday, February 9, the Elba High School Band held its 31st annual Band Dance.

"This year's theme was 'Down on the Farm.' It was a night of beauty and amusement as the band members and their dates converged together for a night to be together and have fun. The dance featured DJ Jerry Broadway from radio station Country 96.9, and he spun tunes as everyone danced.

Senior band members were recognized during the lead-out for their many years of dedication to the band. Everyone had a wonderful time and returned home safely.

Co-Op Spotlight

by Hunter Branch



This week's Co-Op Spotlight is Sara Purvis. Sara is 17-years-old. She is in the 12th grade and is the daughter of Mitch and Joyce Purvis. She is employed at Dr. Strong and Purvis optometrist office where she does general office work.

Her hobbies and interests include reading, cheerleading, VCA, and 5k runs.

After graduation, Sara plans to attend Troy State University.

CITY OF ELBA QUALITY WATER REPORT

We are pleased to present to you this year's annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the water quality and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we continually make to improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is Clayton Aquifer and we have four wells that we use to draw from this source.

"I am pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements," said Mayor James Grimes. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Mr. Dennis Coleman at 334-897-2160. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Monday of every month following the Elba City Council meeting which is held at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.

The Water Department routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State Laws. The table below shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2001. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, maybe reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of constituents. It is important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk. In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we have also provided you with definitions.

DEFINITIONS

NON-DETECTS (ND) - Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.
PARTS PER MILLION (ppm) or MILLIGRAMS PER LITER - One part per billion corresponds to one minute in two years, or a single penny in \$ 10,000.
NEPHELOMETRIC TURBIDITY UNIT (NTU) - Nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
ACTION LEVEL - The concentrations of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
TREATMENT TECHNIQUE (TT) - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL GOAL - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Table of Primary Contaminants

CONTAMINANT	MCL	AMT. DETECTED	CONTAMINANT	MCL	AMT. DETECTED
Bacteriological			Organic Chemicals Continued		
Total Coliform Bacteria	<5%	ND	Endrin	1	ND
Turbidity	1	ND	Endrin	1	ND
Radiochemical			Epichlorohydrin	700	ND
Beta photon emitters (mrem/yr)	4	ND	Glyphosate	400	ND
Alpha emitters (pCi/l)	15	ND	Heptachlor	200	ND
Combined radium (pCi/l)	5	ND	Heptachlor epoxide	1	ND
Inorganic			Hexachlorobenzene	75	ND
Antimony (ppb)	6	ND	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	200	ND
Arsenic (ppb)	50	ND	Indane	20	ND
Asbestos (MFL)	2	ND	Methoxychlor	40	ND
Barium (ppb)	2	ND	Oxamyl (Vydate)	500	ND
Beryllium (ppb)	4	ND	Picloram	500	ND
Cadmium (ppb)	100	ND	Simazine	500	ND
Chromium (ppb)	AL-1.3	ND	Toxaphene	0	ND
Copper (ppm)	1.3	ND	Benzo(a)pyrene [PHAS]	0	ND
Cyanide (ppm)	200	ND	Carbon Tetrachloride	100	ND
Fluoride (ppm)	4	ND	Chlorobenzene	100	ND
Lead (ppb)	AL-15	ND	Dibromochloropropane	200	ND
Mercury (ppb)	2	ND	O-Dichlorobenzene	600	ND
Nitrate (ppm)	10	ND	p-Dichlorobenzene	75	ND
Nitrite (ppm)	1	ND	1,2-Dichloroethane	75	ND
Selenium (ppm)	2	ND	cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	70	ND
Silver (ppm)	0.1	ND	trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	100	ND
Thallium	2	ND	Dichloromethane	300	ND
Organic Chemicals			1,2-Dichloropropane	700	ND
2,4-D	70	ND	Ethylbenzene	700	ND
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	50	ND	Ethylene dibromide	100	ND
Acrylamide	0	ND	Styrene	100	ND
Alachlor	2	ND	Tetrachloroethylene	70	ND
Azinphos	2	ND	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	200	ND
Benzo(a)pyrene [PHAS]	0	ND	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	200	ND
Carbofuran	200	ND	1,2-Trichloroethane	5	ND
Chlordane	40	ND	Trichloroethylene	100	ND
Dalapon	200	ND	THM	1	ND
Di-(2-ethylhexyl) adipate	400	ND	Toluene	2	ND
Di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalates	6	ND	Vinyl Chloride	2	ND
Dinoseb	20	ND	Xylenes	10	ND
Diquat	20	ND			
Dioxin [2,3,7,8-TCDD]	30	ND			

Table of Detected Contaminants

CONTAMINANT	MCLG	RANGE	AMT. DETECTED	SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION
Bacteriological				
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	5%	0-0	O-Present or Absent Naturally present in the environment
Turbidity	0	1	ND	NTU
Beta photon emitters	0	4	O-ND	Radiochemical Sampling Date or Period July 20, 1998
Alpha emitters	0	15	O-ND	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Combined radium	0	5	O-ND	Erosion of natural deposits
Antimony	6	6	ND-ND	Inorganic chemicals Sampling Date or Period July 20, 1998
Arsenic	0	50	ND-ND	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Asbestos (NIFL)	2	2	ND-ND	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium	2	2	ND-ND	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Beryllium	4	4	ND-ND	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metals refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Cadmium	5	5	ND-ND	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; discharge from electrical, aero space, and defense industries
Chromium	100	100	ND-ND	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
Copper	1.3	1.3	ND-ND	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide	200	200	ND-ND	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Fluoride	4	4	ND-ND	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Lead	0	AL-15	0	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Mercury	2	2	ND-ND	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	10	10	ND-ND	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills; runoff from cropland
Nitrite	1	1	ND-ND	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium	50	50	ND-ND	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Ibuprofen	0.5	2	ND-ND	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
2,4-D	70	70	ND-ND	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	50	50	ND-ND	Sampling Date or Period December 13, 2001
Acrylamide	0	0	ND-ND	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Alachlor	2	2	ND-ND	Residue of banned herbicide
Azinphos	2	2	ND-ND	Added to water during sewage/wastewater treatment
Benzo(a)pyrene [PHAS]	0	0	ND-ND	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Carbofuran	200	200	ND-ND	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Chlordane	40	40	ND-ND	Leaching from linings of water storage tanks and distribution lines
Dalapon	200	200	ND-ND	Leaching of soil fumigant used on rice and alfalfa
Di-(2-ethylhexyl) adipate	400	400	ND-ND	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way
Di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalates	6	6	ND-ND	Discharge from chemical factories
Dinoseb	20	20	ND-ND	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
Diquat	20	20	ND-ND	Runoff from herbicide used on soybeans and vegetables
Dioxin [2,3,7,8-TCDD]	30	30	ND-ND	Runoff from herbicide use
Endrin	1	1	ND-ND	Emissions from waste incineration and other combustion; discharge from chemical factories
Epichlorohydrin	700	700	ND-ND	Runoff from herbicide use
Glyphosate	400	400	ND-ND	Residue of banned insecticide
Heptachlor	200	200	ND-ND	Discharge from industrial chemical factories; and impurity of some water treatment chemicals
Heptachlor epoxide	1	1	ND-ND	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Hexachlorobenzene	75	75	ND-ND	Residue of banned termiticide
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	200	200	ND-ND	Breakdown of heptachlor
Indane	20	20	ND-ND	Discharge from metal refineries and agricultural chemical factories
Methoxychlor	40	40	ND-ND	Discharge from chemical factories
Oxamyl (Vydate)	200	200	ND-ND	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cattle, lumber, and gardens
PCBs	0	0	ND-ND	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on fruits, vegetables, alfalfa, and livestock
Picloram	500	500	ND-ND	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on apples, potatoes, and tomatoes
Simazine	500	500	ND-ND	Runoff from landfills; discharge of waste chemicals
Toxaphene	0	0	ND-ND	Discharge from wood preserving factories
Benzo(a)pyrene [PHAS]	0	0	ND-ND	Herbicide runoff
Carbon Tetrachloride	100	100	ND-ND	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cotton and cattle
Chlorobenzene	100	100	ND-ND	Runoff/leaching from factories; leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills
Dibromochloropropane	200	200	ND-ND	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities
O-Dichlorobenzene	600	600	ND-ND	Discharge from chemical and agricultural chemical factories
p-Dichlorobenzene	75	75	ND-ND	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,2-Dichloroethane	75	75	ND-ND	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	70	70	ND-ND	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	100	100	ND-ND	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Dichloromethane	300	300	ND-ND	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,2-Dichloropropane	700	700	ND-ND	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Ethylbenzene	700	700	ND-ND	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Ethylene dibromide	100	100	ND-ND	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; leaching from landfills
Styrene	100	100	ND-ND	Leaching from PVC pipes; discharge from factories and dry cleaners
Tetrachloroethylene	70	70	ND-ND	Discharge from textile-finishing factories
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	200	200	ND-ND	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	200	200	ND-ND	By-product of drinking water chlorination
THM	1	1	ND-ND	Discharge from petroleum factories
Toluene	2	2	ND-ND	Leaching from PVC piping; discharge from plastics factories
Vinyl Chloride	10	10	ND-ND	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories
Xylenes	10	10	ND-ND	

We constantly monitor for various contaminants in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. This past year we planned to monitor violations. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-457-4771.

MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink two liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

The Municipal Water Works has completed an extensive source water assessment that identifies potential contaminant sites. During the next few months a susceptibility analysis was performed to determine if these sites pose any significant risk. Anyone who wishes to view this report should contact the office at 334-897-2160.

Our continuing effort to maintain a safe and dependable water supply may be necessary to make improvements in your water system. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in the future in order to address these improvements.

Some people may be more susceptible to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons receiving organ transplant or those with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infection. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by protozoan and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

We at the Elba Water Treatment plant strive to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all of our customers help us protect our water resources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future. Please contact Mr. Dennis Coleman at 334-897-2160 if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY NEWS



MORE THAN 350 ALABAMA FARMERS between the ages of 17 and 35 were in Point Clear, Ala., Feb. 13 for the Alabama Farmers Leadership Conference. Participants from Coffee County included (from L-r) Christy Lee, Tamberly Bozeman, Jesse Watson, Holly Watson, Michael Watson, Sharon Caylor and Faith Caylor, (back L-r) Brad Lee, Steven Bozeman, John Watson and Bill Caylor.



Ian B. Farley

Farley completes basic at Ft. Leonard Wood

National Guardsman Ian B. Farley has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

During training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Farley is the son of Kelly J. and David E. Graham of 2830 County Road 239, Elba, Ala.

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missed out on over the last few years such as playing with her grandchildren.

Also, she said she believes the Lord is leading her into the direction of a ministry. So, she is looking forward to having the time to do more public speaking in an attempt to help Christians find awareness of their Jewish roots.

However, Bell said there are still some things she is going to miss about the business. She said the employees, especially Misti Williams and Tammy Davis, have been wonderful to work with during the ups and downs of the business. Also, she has taken great pride in knowing that not one charitable organization that came asking ever left The DOLLAR BEE without some sort of donation. She said it wasn't rich at times, but no one was ever turned down when they asked for a donation of some sort from The DOLLAR BEE Plus.

"We love our town and its people," said Bell. "It has been a lot of fun."

She said she truly enjoyed being able to see so many people on a regular basis, but she knows that the time has come to move on to something else.

"Every time I wonder if we are making the right decision something assures me we are," Bell said. "The Lord closes one door to open another, and I believe he is leading me into a new direction."



Elba Elementary School Menu

Feb. 25 - Mar. 1, 2002

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cinnamon Toast, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes & Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Pop Tart, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Mexican Macaroni Casserole, Corn on Cob, Green Beans, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Tuesday - Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles
Wednesday - Topping, Milk
Thursday - Cornedog, Macaroni & Cheese, Tumpis, Cornbread, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Friday - Burrito w/ Cheese, Rice, Green Salad, Banana, Milk
Saturday - Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, English Peas, Roll, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

One would think that having two daughters that can share some of their clothes would be a plus, and while it does help Dad's checkbook at times, at other times I am not sure it is worth the fuss and all the noise. It seems like whenever one of the girls gets dressed she wears what the other one wanted, or that one wants to wear something that the other one borrowed the day before and forgot to wash. My solution? Turn up the television and shut the door!

DUSTING OFF THE DESK....

*** The Kinston Bulldogs and Kinston Lady Bulldogs were the final area teams to hang up their sneakers last week as both lost in the area finals and again in sub-region action. The Bulldogs struggled late in the year after a fast start and then ran head first into two of the top teams around in G.W. Long and Pleasant Home, while the Lady Bulldogs battled hard for all four quarters, but were simply outmached in season-ending losses to G.W. Long and J.F. Shields. Basketball is alive and well down in Kinston, and look for the girls and boys to be winners on the court for many years to come.

*** The Elba Tigers have started baseball practice and it looks like it should be a good season for the Tigers after suffering through last year's 6-14 season. The Tigers will be very young and will have to rely on juniors and sophomores to step up and lead the way. However, these same players were on the field last season, and this year should have the experience needed to put the Tigers back on top in area 1A circles. With ten home games on the schedule, Elba fans will get plenty of chances to watch the Tigers wing the bats.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers have made the move to fast-pitch and after looking at their schedule I think the Lady Tigers should be able to hold their own with just about any team on their schedule. Goshen is the only team on the schedule that played fast-pitch last season, while Daleville, Opp and Laverne are the only teams that are in Elba's class or above. It may not resemble the same fast-pitch game we have watched on TV, but it should be competitive and the Lady Tigers made a wise move in making the switch.

*** The youth basketball season ended last week with the announcement of the various all-star teams, and after the announcements one parent wondered out loud what could be done to try to make the regular season teams more balanced. The player drafts are held after the coaches are chosen, and all the players are discussed so that the coaches are aware of the skills of the players. The coaches are then free to pick the players they want, and often times they pick players that are friends of their own children, which can result in weak teams. The teams all have the same number of players based upon age, but still some teams will be better than others. More thought will go into the draft process before the baseball teams are chosen, and while changes could very well be made, the coaches will always get to pick the players they want, and some teams will be better than others.

*** In closing....the Mularz family suffered a tragic loss last week when my younger brother Randy's wife, Janet, was killed in an automobile accident. Randy and Janet have three sons, and both have loved many life's moments watching their children play ball. The accident took her life took place while she was driving to Mobile to watch their middle son play baseball at South Alabama, and took place on I-65, a road she had traveled many times in the past. The loss will always leave a void in the Mularz family and the Leon Miller family. However, we were all lucky to have known her for the 13 years she was with us, and will never forget her as we get on with our lives.

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Season opener set for March 4

Elba Tiger baseball teams are working hard

The Elba Tigers are hard at work in preparation for the upcoming high school baseball season, and Coach Wynn Grimes is feeling his youthful Tigers are ready to make yet another run at post-season play.

"We had a young team last season and are still very young," stated Coach Grimes, "but the difference this season is that our youngsters have varsity experience, and that should make us a better team. We don't have any stoppers on the mound or any hitters that will knock the ball out of the park very often. However, we do have some players that have played in playing baseball all the way to the game. I think if we play solid on defense and get good pitching we will be able to score some runs, and maybe that will add up to some wins."

This season will be the first time we have fielded a junior varsity team," added Coach Grimes, "and that will definitely help our program in years to come. In the past, seventh graders would have to compete against seniors to make the varsity."

To field fast-pitch softball teams

Elba Lady Tigers preparing for season openers

The Elba Lady Tigers established themselves as one of the top high school softball teams in the state over the past two seasons as they piled up a total of 86 wins, advanced to two straight sub-state finals and made a trip to the state tournament. With eight starters back from last year's 40-18 team, one would think another banner season would seem a certainty. However, this season the Lady Tigers have joined the move from slow-pitch to fast-pitch softball, and Coach Amelia Rhoades is hoping that the experience learned through years of playing softball will help the team make the switch.

"All of our girls have been playing softball since they were old enough to hold a bat," stated Coach Rhoades, "and even though we all know that fast-pitch softball is a very different game, it is still softball, and our players need to believe that they can make the switch and continue to be successful. We have eight starters back that played in a total of 58 games last season, and they all know how to hit, stop and throw a softball. It may take a while for the hitting to come around, but these girls play to win every time they hit the field and that will be the case this year. We will not concede anything to any of our opponents and we will play to win every game."

Area baseball teams looking for winning seasons

Class 1A, Area 3
Floral
Kinston
McKenzie
Pleasant Home

Class 1A, Area 4
Ariton
Brantley
C.W. Long
Zion Chapel

Class 2A, Area 3
Geneva County
New Brockton
Samson
Wicksburg

All three county teams sticking with slow-pitch softball

The Alabama High School Athletic Association has combined all slow-pitch softball teams in the state into one classification this season, and while that means that only eight of the state's 47 teams will make it to the state tournament, three teams from Coffee County have their sights set on a trip to Montgomery with hopes of bringing home that cherished title of state champion.

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks have piled up the wins in recent years and have to be a huge favorite to earn a state tournament berth. The Lady Gamecocks return practically their entire team from a year ago that set a school record for wins in a season, and made the decision to stay

ELBA TIGERS 2002 BASEBALL SCHEDULE				
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	
March 4	New Brockton (V)	Elba	4:30	
March 5	Straughn (JV-V)	Straughn	3:30	
March 7	Brantley (V)	Elba	4:30	
March 11	Zion Chapel (JV-V)	Elba	4:30	
March 12	Opp (JV-V)	Elba	4:30	
March 14	Ariton (JV-V)	Elba	4:00	
March 15	Samson (JV-V)	Samson	4:00	
March 19	Straughn (JV-V)	Elba	4:30	
March 21	Opp (JV-V)	Opp	5:00	
April 2	Samson (V)	Elba	4:30	
April 4	Laverne (V)	Laverne	4:30	
April 5	Greenville (V)	Greenville	4:30	
April 8	Brantley (V)	Brantley	4:00	
April 9	Greenville (V)	Elba	4:30	
April 11	Pike County (V)	Brundidge	4:30	
April 15	Laverne (V)	Elba	4:30	
April 16	Ariton (V)	Ariton	5:00	
April 19	Pike County (V)	Elba	4:30	
April 24	State Playoffs	TBA		

V - VARSITY JV - JUNIOR VARSITY
youngest teams around," repeated Coach Grimes, "but this year we will be young and hungry after last year's losing season, and we are all looking forward to taking the field."

ELBA LADY TIGERS 2002 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Feb. 28	Highland Home (2) JV	Home	3:30
March 4	Samson V	Home	4:00
March 5	Goshen JV	Troy	4:00
March 7	Highland Home (2) JV	Away	3:30
March 11	New Brockton JV-V	Home	3:30
March 14	Opp V	Home	3:30
March 19	New Brockton JV-V	Away	3:30
March 21	Laverne JV	Home	3:30
April 2	Daleville V	Home	4:00
April 6	Pleasant Home Tournament		
April 9	Highland Home (2) V	Away	3:30
April 13	Samson Tournament		
April 15	Samson V	Away	5:00
April 16	Pleasant Home V	Home	4:00
April 18	Brantley V	Home	4:00
April 22	Goshen V	Home	4:00
April 23	Laverne V	Home	4:00
April 25	Opp V	Away	3:30
April 29	Highland Home (2) V	Home	3:30
May 2	Red Level V	Away	3:30
May 3-4	Sectional Tournament	Gulf Shores	

V - VARSITY JV - JUNIOR VARSITY

The high school baseball season is just around the corner for area teams, and once again this year it looks like an exciting season of high school baseball for the players and fans.

Perhaps the top team in the area this year will be the Kinston Bulldogs. The Bulldogs advanced to the state playoffs last season and enjoyed one of their best seasons ever, and will return almost the entire team for the 2002 season. Kinston could struggle early on due to the success of the basketball team and a tough schedule. However, look for the Bulldogs to get hot as the weather warms up and make another run at post-season success.

The Zion Chapel Rebels have slowly turned their program around and this could be the year the Rebels make some noise. The Rebels have experience at almost every position on the field, and with a year of maturity and added confidence, this bunch could be a team to keep an eye on as the season moves along. A winning season could very well be in the cards for Zion Chapel.

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to field a solid team again this season and appear to have the experience and talent to be a winner in the 2A ranks. The Gamecocks will be young in spots, but many of those youngsters have grown up on the baseball field, and should bring that experience and knowledge of the game with them on the field. The

Slow-Pitch Softball	
Class 1A-Class 5A	
Floral	
Georgiana	
Kinston	
McKenzie	
New Brockton	
Pike County	
Zion Chapel	

of that team as they look to post a winning season. Nothing will come easy for the girls from Zion Chapel. However, this season the Lady Rebels should have experience and confidence on their side, and that should help when they hit the field.

SPORTS

In youth basketball league

Wizards and Nets close out season with perfect records

The Elba Jr. NBA Jr. WNBA Youth Basketball League completed its season last week with action in all age groups.

Following is a recap of last week's action:

*** **OPP. ALL-CLIPPERS 12-** The Clippers fell behind early and never recovered in a 40-12 loss to Opp. in Boys 12 and Under action. Scoring for the Clippers were Don Rhoades 6, John Jared 4 and Justin Hammond 2. Scoring for the Heat were Shaquille Agee 13, Seth Hanchey 6 and Daniel Bannin 3.

*** **WIZARDS 29 HORNETS 4** - The Wizards led all the way to down the Hornets 29-4, in Boys 8 and Under action. Scoring for the Wizards were Jantzen Flowers 19, Chance Goosby 4, Austin Johnson 3, Shabaraun Robinson 2, and Tyler Anderson 1.

*** **MAGIC 32 OPP 28** - The Magic staged a furious fourth quarter rally to defeat Opp 32-28, in Boys 12 and Under action. Scoring for the Magic were Stephen Driggers 12, Aaron Harrelson 7, Antwon Tillis 6, Jordan Flowers 3, Trey Martin 2 and Graham Morrow 2.

2. Scoring for Opp were Craig 14, Albert Wilson 6, Aaron Jacobs 4, David Dixon 2 and Mark Linton 2.

*** **WIZARDS 35 HEAT 22** - The Wizards pulled ahead early and pulled away late to down the Heat 35-22, in Boys 8 and Under action. Scoring for the Wizards were Chance Goosby 16, Jantzen Flowers 15, Harry Griffin 2 and Shabaraun Robinson 2. Scoring for the Heat were Shaquille Agee 13, Seth Hanchey 6 and Daniel Bannin 3.

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Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Pontoon Boats
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Late winter can be one of the best times to purchase a new or used boat. After a long winter, boat dealers are ready to do business. If the new boat is for the whole family, disagreements can arise over what type to buy. Dad and mom may want a fishing boat, Junior wants a sporty runabout, and Sis just wants a place to sunbathe. The pontoon boat may just be as close to the ideal compromise as you can get.

Pontoon boats were once thought of as mainly cruising lounges, but they are being used more and more for fishing. More than one brand is especially rigged just for fishing. It's easy to see why pontoon boats are becoming more popular. They are known for their ability to provide large groups with comfort and luxury, and can also act as fully functional fishing platforms. A good freshwater fishing boat should be able to run in fairly shallow water, it should enable anglers to easily cast and it should have all the amenities to hold fish and fishing gear, said Yamaha Pro Jim Bell. "Not everyone realizes it, but a pontoon boat can have all these qualities."

Tom and Betty Russell, owners of Big Daddy's Outdoors in Laverne, Alabama, now fish almost exclusively from their pontoon boat. "I like the smooth ride, and the large area to move around in. I love to fish with Tom, but when the fishing is slow, I may just lay back and sunbathe while reading a good book," says Betty. The Russells also enjoy pulling their grandchildren on tubes when the fish are not biting.

Tom Russell says the pontoon boat is ideal for crappie fishing. "Several anglers have plenty of fishing room while fishing over a crappie hole. They are also ideal for trolling for suspended crappie and Bass. You can combine a family cruise and a trolling trip all in one," said Russell.

Unlike boats with deep V hulls, pontoon boats have shallow drafts, so anglers can easily reach bass and other fish holding in relatively shallow water. For added ability to run in shallow water, anglers should rig their pontoon boat with an engine that easily trims upward. A trolling motor will enhance a pontoon boat's ability to reach fish in shallow water. Pontoon boats are more maneuverable than most people think, and a good electric motor will also allow an angler to position the boat properly.

Pontoon boats can be purchased with, or aftermarket equipped, with amenities associated with fishing boats. It's not uncommon to see pontoon boats with live wells, rod holders, electronic fish finders, and other equipment found on fishing boats.

The family may have different ideas about what type boat to purchase, but few will be disappointed with the pontoon boat. Dad and mom can fill the freezer with crappie and Junior can take his new sweetie for a cruise while Sis chaperones as she sunbathes.

Set for Mobile this summer

Figure skating competition to be hotly contested at Alabama Sports Festival

Even though large masses of frozen water aren't all too common in balmy Alabama, the sport of figure skating is becoming more and more popular in Alabama's Olympic Games!

For the third year, the Alabama Sports Festival (ASF) State Games will include competition in the sport of figure skating. Because of the excellent facilities, this event will be held at the Pelham Civic Complex, June 8-9.

There will be solo and pairs competition. Athletes from age three to adult will be competing for gold, silver or bronze medals. All entry forms must be postmarked by April 14, 2002. For registration information, please visit the ASF website at www.alagames.com, or call (800) 467-0422.

All other 2002 ASF State Games events will be held in

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Jordan McBride
Donta Tillis
Oavin Flowers
Richard Cooks
Keenan Phillips
Kevin Allen
Taylor Cotton
Bradley Wilson
Jamison Baker
Colton Vaughan
Coach: Trina Flowers

BOYS 12 & UNDER ALL-STAR

Trey Martin
Jordan Flowers
Aaron Harrelson
Stephen Driggers
Matthew Gibson
Graham Morrow
John Jared
Don Rhoades
Chase Boutwell
Marlin McCormick
Coach: Mike Harrelson

BOYS 14 & UNDER ALL-STAR

Chase Graham
Derrick Manning
Cornelius Reese
William Carpenter
Kevin Parks
Jauan Starks
Rashad Bilal
Rashad Robinson
Antwon Tillis
Coach: Abdel Bilal

GIRLS 12 & UNDER ALL-STAR

Meagan Anderson
Brittany Caldwell
Brandy Caldwell
Ashley Carpenter
Ashley Cooks
Kynu Coleman
Kayla Kyser
Hannah Manning
Krystan Parker
Tierney Starks
Coach: Ronnie Caldwell

Morrow 2. Scoring for Kinston were Charlie Hercus 6, Jonathan Edwards 4 and Davis 2.

*** **NETS 34 BULLS 4** - The Nets led all the way to post a 34-4 win over the Bulls, in Boys 10 and Under action. Scoring for the Nets were Jordan McBride 13, Gavin Flowers 9, Richard Cooks 4, Donta Tillis 4, Jason Mitchell 2

and Keenan Phillips 2. Scoring for the Bulls were Bradley Wilson 2 and Michael Spurlin 2.

*** **STARZ 37 ROCKERS 0** - The Starz rolled to a 37-0 win over the Rockers, in Girls 12 and Under action. Scoring for the Starz were Hannah Manning 18, Brandy Caldwell 9, Kayla Kyser 6 and Megan Anderson 4.

*** **COMETS 16 SHOCK 7** - The Comets used a big third quarter to pull ahead and held on to defeat the Shock 16-7, in Girls 10 and Under action. Scoring for the Comets were Brandy Caldwell 7, Kayla Kyser 4, Meagan Anderson 3 and Kim Anderson 2. Scoring for the Shock were Shaundra Hardwick 4 and Ashley Cooks 3.

*** **SPARKS 16 STORM 5** - The Sparks led all the way to down the Storm 16-5, in Girls 8 and Under action. Scoring for the Sparks were Jacquetta Whitfield 5, Courtney Driggers 4, Kazzmirah Yelverton 4, Molly McGuire 2 and Aspen Foushee 1. Scoring for the Storm were Abdul Goosby 2, Ker-Ama Edwards 2 and Brooke Adcock 1.

Youth baseball and softball

Registration to begin Feb. 18

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will conduct registration for youth baseball and softball on Monday, Feb. 18, through Friday, March 1, for all boys and girls ages 4-18.

The registration fee is \$20 per person, with a \$50 maximum fee for families with multiple children playing.

Boys leagues will include Tee-Ball Baseball (ages 4-6), Coach-Pitch Baseball (ages 7-8), Dixie Minor Baseball (ages 9-10), Dixie Youth Baseball (ages 11-12), Dixie Boys Baseball (ages 13-14), Dixie Pre-Majors Baseball (ages 15-16) and Dixie Majors Baseball (ages 17-18). A players age will be determined by his age on or before July 31, 2002.

Girls leagues will include Tee-Ball Softball (ages 4-6), Coach-Pitch Softball (ages 7-8), Dixie Angels Fast-Pitch Softball (ages 9-10), Dixie Ponytails Fast-Pitch Softball (ages 11-12), Dixie Belles Fast-Pitch Softball (ages 13-15) and Dixie Senior Girls Fast-Pitch Softball (ages 16-18). A players age will be determined by her age on or before May 31, 2002.

Registration forms will be available at the Elba Elementary School, Elba High School, Elba City Hall and at the Elba Recreation office at 764 North Claxton Avenue. For more information call 897-6833. Coaches are also needed for all teams in both baseball and softball.

Winston Howell 10,000 meter run to be held on March 9

The 24th Annual Winston Howell 10,000 Meter (6.2 miles) Road Race will be held on Saturday, March 9th at Hartford National Guard Armory on Hwy. 52 and 167 in Hartford, Ala.

Registration starts at 7:00 a.m. and the race begins at 9:00 a.m. The certified course is wheel measured, is fairly level, has four turns and is all pavement and has splits.

Age groups include: Male: 14 and under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60 and up. Course record: David Keen of Florida State, 30:08.

Female: 14 and under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60 and up. Course record: Anna Pietrova, the Ukraine, 36:43.

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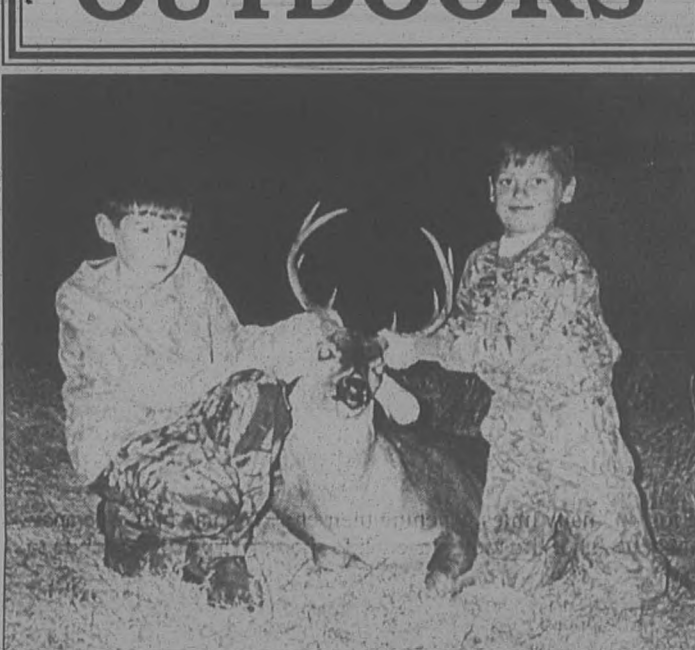
at ESJC in March

and April at night

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These six bucks were killed by hunters in the Coffee County Hunters and Fisheries during the week of Dec. 23-25. Different hunters bagged all the bucks, although many of the hunters enjoyed a big season and bagged more than one.

ZC Youth Baseball Registration

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Coffee County Probate Judge responds to audit

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

A recently completed audit of the financial records of the Coffee County Judge of Probate Office has come under some strong criticism from the news media and others. Probate Judge William Gammill sat down last week with this newspaper and reviewed the audit section by section. Gammill noted that the information in this audit is three and four years old. He explained the findings of the auditors, what had been remedial action has been taken and detailed the reasons for his disagreement over the pay back requested by the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts.

Several times during the hour long meeting Gammill stressed the need for and his support for the auditors. He added that he is actively working to get annual audits to replace the current every three-year audits. He explained that a problem could be three years old before found by the auditor and even older before he actually received the official audit report. "My problem is not with the auditors, but with some of their findings," Gammill said when discussing their official demand that he repay \$328,311 to the Judge's Discretionary Fund.

Gammill explained, and the audit confirmed, that the difference is over purchasing plaques for employees, an out-of-state title replacement and food items for a retirement and Thanksgiving party (dinner). "It was not politically smart for me to challenge these findings," Gammill said. He said that as of 6 a.m. Monday the officers had visited 72 streets and would complete surveying the balance of the streets on schedule. Officers have targeted 45 vehicles for removal. He noted that a number of citizens are going ahead and removing their older vehicles before the department cites their auto for removal.

Whitworth also reminded council members he will be a candidate for sheriff this year and offered to take a leave of absence if the council so wished.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that the council and Gibson Street is finally complete. He added that the city crews continue with patching and improving various streets. The city is closing out the paperwork on the federally funded buy-out program and will soon be taking steps to remove the final four houses purchased under the CDBG buy-out program.

Grimes announced the exit audit has been completed on the drainage project started in 1998 and the city received a very complimentary summary letter.

Grimes quoted from the letter which said in part, "commended on professional manner project was managed."

The mayor also reported to the council that Mr. Kenneth Bryan, of Charter Communications, had recently visited his office and said the company will start about the first of April on upgrading the local cable TV system. Work should be completed by October. He added that when the system upgrade is completed, Elba subscribers will have access to 189 TV channels and high speed internet.

At the request of Councilman L. M. Birch the council and Chief Whitworth agreed to increase the speed limits on Martin L. King Drive (across the bypass) to 45 miles per hour as legally allowed. Whitworth explained that there are limits of 10 mph increments on dropping speeds, but no limits on increasing the speed.

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Lions Club pancake breakfast set for Saturday

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Lions Club will host its annual Pancake Breakfast Benefit on Saturday, March 2, at the Elba Senior Citizen's Center. Pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and orange juice will be served from 6-10 a.m., and citizens are welcome to eat in or carry out. Tickets may be purchased from any Lion Club member or at the breakfast. Each year, the breakfast serves as a highlight event for the club and the citizens of Elba as many come out to show their support for the Lions Club. As shown from this picture taken during last year's event, there is always an eager crowd waiting to be served by the club members, and everyone seems to have a good time as they fellowship with one another.

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Elba man charged for armed robbery

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The armed robbery of an Elba resident led to the arrest of another last week following an investigation by the Elba Police Department.

Elba Police Chief R.W. Whitworth said Marcus Tillis of Elba became the victim of an armed robbery last Tuesday, Feb. 19, at approximately 9:02 p.m., when two suspects entered his home at 413 Adkins St.

According to the police report, the suspects entered the home after kicking in the door. They were wearing bandanas and masks, and both had handguns.

Whitworth said the victim received bodily harm during the incident, as approximately \$3,000 in cash and a Sony Playstation 2 were taken from his home. However, he said the victim managed to recognize one of the suspects, and a warrant was signed for his arrest.

On Friday, Feb. 22, Whitworth said Ous Daniels of Elba was arrested by the

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Commission amends right-of-way policy for county roads

by Linda Hodge, Editor

approved during the commission's last meeting. The matter of concern involved around a motion approved during the Feb. 11 meeting of the commission in which the members voted to allow a 60 ft. right-of-way be used on roads less than one mile in length rather than the normal 80 ft. right-of-way.

County Engineer Randy Tindell reminded the members of the motion that was passed during the last meeting; however, he said County Road 518 will not allow for a 60 ft. right-of-way. He said the road would not be adequate with a 60 ft. right-of-way, and he felt the commission should revisit the idea of using an 80 ft. right-of-way for this road.

Commissioner Kayo Lewis made a motion to amend the motion previously approved by the commission to give the county engineer power to make the decision on the short roads

in regards to using a 60 or an 80 ft. right-of-way. After some discussion concerning having some roads with an 80 ft. right-of-way and some with a 60 ft. right-of-way, Commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion to amend the motion made by Lewis.

Stephens' motion called for the county to go back to supplying an 80 ft. right-of-way on all county roads taking the county engineer out of the position of having to make a decision concerning this.

"I think it is a good policy to have an 80 ft. right-of-way on the roads," said Commissioner Doug Dalrymple.

Commissioner Stephens amended motion passed by a unanimous vote. The commission then voted on the motion made by Lewis with the addition of Stephens' amendment, and it also passed with a unanimous vote. With that said, the matter returned to its old policy

which meant an 80 ft. right-of-way for all county roads.

The need for guidelines in regards to use of the county's senior citizen centers was brought to the attention of the commission after two matters were voted on by the members.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook asked the commission to approve the use of the Pine Level Senior Citizen Center on Saturday, March 23, for the Pine Level School Reunion, and Commissioner Stephens asked the commission to approve the use of the Damascus Senior Citizen Center for the Damascus School Reunion.

Stephens said the event to be held at the Damascus center would be an event sponsored by the center with the director in charge.

Each event was approved

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